

## OBSERVANCE OF THE ONE HUNDRED AND FIFTIETH ANNIVERSARY OF THE ESTABLISHMENT OF THE UNITED STATES MILITARY ACADEMY

AUGUST 1, 1951.—Committed to the Committee of the Whole House on the State of the Union and ordered to be printed

Mr. LANE, from the Committee on the Judiciary, submitted the following

### REPORT

[To accompany H. J. Res. 285]

The Committee on the Judiciary, to whom was referred the joint resolution (H. J. Res 285), to authorize appropriate participation by the United States in commemoration of the one hundred and fiftieth anniversary of the establishment of the United States Military Academy, having considered the same, report favorably thereon without amendment and recommend that the joint resolution do pass.

The purpose of this proposed legislation is to authorize appropriate participation by the United States in the observance of the one hundred and fiftieth anniversary of the establishment of the United States Military Academy. In order to facilitate such a commemoration, it is proposed to establish the United States Military Academy Sesquicentennial Commission, to be composed of the following-named persons:

The President of the United States of America and 16 members to be appointed by him

The Vice President of the United States of America, and six Senators to be appointed by him

The Chief Justice of the United States of America, and six members to be appointed by him

The Speaker of the House of Representatives, and six Members of the House of Representatives to be appointed by him

The Governor of New York State

The Secretary of Defense

The Secretary of the Army

The Secretary of the Navy

The Secretary of the Air Force

The Chairman, Joint Chiefs of Staff

The Chief of Staff, United States Army

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The Chief of Naval Operations, United States Navy  
The Chief of Staff, United States Air Force  
The Commandant of the United States Marine Corps  
The Commandant of the United States Coast Guard  
The Vice Chief of Staff, United States Army  
The Vice Chief of Staff, United States Air Force  
The Superintendent, United States Military Academy  
The Superintendent, United States Naval Academy  
The Superintendent, United States Coast Guard Academy

This proposal was submitted by the Department of Defense and has been approved by the Bureau of the Budget.

An outline of the proposed plan for the sesquicentennial celebration is contained in the following letter addressed to the Speaker of the House of Representatives by the Assistant Secretary of Defense:

ASSISTANT SECRETARY OF DEFENSE,  
Washington, D. C., June 29, 1951.

HON. SAM RAYBURN,  
*Speaker of the House of Representatives.*

DEAR MR. SPEAKER: There is forwarded herewith a draft of proposed legislation "to authorize appropriate participation by the United States in commemoration of the one hundred and fiftieth anniversary of the establishment of the United States Military Academy."

This proposed legislation is a part of the Department of Defense legislative program for 1951 and has been approved by the Bureau of the Budget. The Department of Defense recommends that it be enacted by the Congress.

Purpose of the legislation: The proposed joint resolution would authorize the Government and the people of the United States to join with the United States Military Academy, West Point, N. Y., in a fitting and appropriate observance of the one hundred and fiftieth anniversary of its founding. The proposed plan for the sesquicentennial celebration in 1952 is to follow the general idea and customs employed by other leading educational institutions for similar occasions. This plan includes the following:

(a) A conference on education to be held at West Point, N. Y., for 3 days during January 1952, to be attended by approximately 125 representatives of educational institutions, government, industry, the military, the press, and professional foundations and groups.

(b) A conference on military education and training to be held at West Point, N. Y., April 21-25, 1952, to be attended by approximately 140 people, mostly representatives of the military departments.

(c) A jubilee to be held at West Point, N. Y., during 1 day in May 1952, to include luncheon, academic procession, convocation, and dinner at the Academy mess hall.

(d) A conference to be held at West Point, N. Y., on March 16, 1952, between representatives of the New York Historical Association and the United States Military Academy on the history of West Point and the Hudson highlands.

(e) An athletic event and conference to be held at West Point, N. Y., in the spring of 1952. It is anticipated that the heptagonal track meet at West Point, N. Y., will be designated as the athletic event.

(f) A definitive history of the United States Military Academy to be prepared under the guidance of Dr. Forman, sesquicentennial historian and archivist, United States Military Academy library.

Legislative reference: None.

Cost and budget data: The cost of the sesquicentennial celebration at West Point, N. Y., in 1952, to be held under the authority of this proposed legislation is estimated as not to exceed \$95,000 subject to the availability of funds included for this purpose in the appropriation for the operation of the United States Military Academy.

Department of Defense action agency: The Department of the Army has been designated as the representative of the Department of Defense for this legislation.

Sincerely,

DANIEL K. EDWARDS.